



WHEN A FRIEND BETRAYS YOU

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After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. JOHN 13:21-22

For it is not an enemy who taunts me— then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him. But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend. We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng.

PSALM 55:12-14

"Wounds caused by our own people are not the same as the wounds of an enemy." BETH MOORE, forward in *WOUNDED BY GOD'S PEOPLE*

1. It doesn't _____ God.

"I'm not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen." JOHN 13:18

Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. PSALM 41:9

"It's a dangerous thing to be a person like Judas." WARREN WIERSBE

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. HEB. 4:15-16

2. Resist the urge to _____.

"Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot." JOHN 13:25-26

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

1 PETER 2:23

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ROMANS 12:19-21

"Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

3. A _____ with Jesus awaits you.

I count all things loss . . . that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death. PHILIPPIANS 3:8-10

"The Bible records a great cloud of witnesses who have been injured within their own community and put outside the camp in one way or another." BETH MOORE, forward in *WOUNDED BY GOD'S PEOPLE*